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And that he sympathizes much more deeply with  
Garrison and his school, than I could wish. I may  
possibly come into collision with him in the manage-  
ment of our paper, but I hope not. I consider my-  
self as having the control of the paper, and it will  
not go into any other hands, at least this year. I  
should be glad to have any suggestions from you,  
as to its style, management &c. It is doing I have  
reason to believe great good.

I intend to make some remarks on the article of  
Johnson to which you refer, the length of the arti-  
cle on our inside form to day, which was altogeth-  
er unexpected, has excluded every thing else. I should  
be glad to have you send us an article occasionally,  
if you have leisure, at any rate let me have the  
benefit of your advice, whenever you see any  
thing that requires attention,  
Your truly Wm Lloyd Garrison

P.S. Mrs. Phelps sends her love to Mrs. Phelps, she is rejoic-  
ing very much that you and I are "pulling  
together again" as she expresses it, ~~as~~ I was  
tremendously afraid at one time, that we should  
go off on different tracks, I never had any fear  
on that account myself however. I shall pay the  
postage on this letter, which will make us even at that  
score. In future I think this formality need not  
be mutually dispensed with.



defense of this position, I will go with you to the  
"but, end". I like the spirit of Massachusetts ab-  
olitionism, - It is energetic, and exhibits its faith  
by good works. If it could only be cleared of  
the loco-focism of some of its supporters, it would  
be just the thing. But your influence is tremen-  
dously diminished, depend upon it, by the extrava-  
gances of Garrison, Johnson, Wright &c. I wish  
you were well clear of them. I hope the time  
is not distant, when you will have control of the  
Liberator or some other paper, that will go straight  
ahead with abolitionism, and confine itself to that  
one object.

Gov Went, you will see, in his letter in our Ad-  
vocate of to day, has given us a thrust for the  
encouragement given by us as a party to some  
of the disorganizing doctrines of the Liberator. This  
letter by the way is a grand one, frank, free  
and explicit. You will see by this paper also  
that Goodding has had a fine victory at Calais,  
the account falls far below the reality, it is a  
splendid affair for us and will do great good.  
He is now in Iowa, another hot bed of opposition,  
and I hope will succeed as well there. We  
expect much from his efforts, he is perfectly  
safe as a lecturer, though in conversation I



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Mrs Smyth



Dear Bro Phelps,

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Yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> was duly received. I was very glad to see your article in the Liberator in regard to Johnsons sneer at orthodoxy. It was well timed and has evidently done good. Johnsons defence was rather lame. I think he will look out however a little better for the future. In regard to the woman question, I think we had better oppose it in whatever shape it comes, <sup>whether</sup> directly or indirectly. I perceived the new issue that the women-men are about to make on the question, and I think, under existing circumstances, that we had better oppose them them also. I should have been willing heretofore, from respect to our members of the Society of Friends, to suffer their women occasionally, if impelled by the spirit, to speak in our meetings, but I should object to this now. The woman-question is now up for discussion, and any concession of this kind, would in fact be giving up the point in controversy. I think the ground stated in your letter is the true one, viz, that in the formation of our A. S. Societies, it was not intended that women should have the right to vote, make speeches &c, and in